

Exemption.

60 Stat. 237.
5 USC 1001 note.
Nonapplicability.

61 Stat. 652.

(c) Action by the Postmaster General in issuing the interim order provided for herein and petitioning for a continuance of such order under this Act, shall not be subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (ch. 19, title 5, U. S. C.).

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to mail addressed to publishers or distributors of publications which have entry as second-class matter under the Act of March 3, 1879, as amended (ch. 180, 20 Stat. 358; 39 U. S. C. 221, et. seq.), or to publishers or distributors of copyrighted books and other publications as to which certificate of registration of copyright has been issued under the copyright laws of the United States (title 17 U. S. C.).

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Public Law 822

CHAPTER 756

July 27, 1956
[H. R. 8617]

AN ACT

To validate certain payments made to members and former members of the naval service.

Naval service.
Additional pay
for sea service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all payments of additional pay for sea duty made to enlisted members of the naval service who served on the United States Ship Sequoia (AG-23) from November 1, 1950, through February 28, 1954, and to those who served on vessels operating on the Great Lakes from November 1, 1950, through October 31, 1953, are hereby validated. Any such member or former member who has made repayment to the United States of any amount so paid to him as additional pay for sea duty is entitled to have refunded to him the amount repaid.

Credits in accounts.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve disbursing officers, including special disbursing agents, of the United States from accountability or responsibility for any payments described in section 1 of this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of those officers or agents for payments which are found to be free from fraud and collusion.

SEC. 3. Appropriations available to the military department concerned for the pay and allowances of military personnel are available for payments under this Act.

Approved July 27, 1956.

Public Law 823

CHAPTER 757

July 27, 1956
[H. R. 2121]

AN ACT

To provide for the relief of certain members of the Armed Forces who were required to pay certain transportation charges covering shipment of their household goods and personal effects upon return from overseas, and for other purposes.

Armed Forces.
Transportation
charges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any member of the Armed Forces who was transferred to a duty station outside the continental United States or in Alaska under orders which relieved him from a duty station within the United States before July 10, 1952, and who—

(1) was transferred to any one or more other duty stations outside the continental United States or in Alaska after July 9, 1952, and before his transfer back to the United States; or

(2) was transferred back to the United States under orders which relieved him from a duty station outside the continental United States or in Alaska after July 9, 1952, and before July 1, 1953,

is entitled, for each of those transfers, to transportation, packing, crating, temporary storage, drayage, and unpacking of his household goods and personal effects without regard to the weight limitations of section 632 of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1953 (66 Stat. 537). Any member who has made a repayment to the United States because the net weight of his household goods and personal effects in such transfer or transfers exceeded the weight limitations of section 632 may be paid the amount involved, if otherwise proper.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve disbursing officers, including special disbursing agents, of the Armed Forces from accountability or responsibility for any payments relating to shipments described in this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of those officers or agents for payments which appear to be free from fraud and collusion.

Credits in accounts.

SEC. 3. Any appropriations available to the military department concerned for the pay and allowances of military personnel are available for payments under this Act without regard to any weight limitations upon the shipment of household goods and personal effects which may be contained in the appropriation Act concerned.

Appropriations available.

Approved July 27, 1956.

Public Law 824

CHAPTER 758

JOINT RESOLUTION

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of New York to negotiate and enter into an agreement or compact with the Government of Canada for the establishment of the Niagara Frontier Port Authority with power to take over, maintain, and operate the present highway bridge over the Niagara River between the city of Buffalo, New York, and the city of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

July 27, 1956
[H. J. Res. 549]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress hereby consents to the negotiation and entering into of a compact or agreement between the State of New York and the Government of Canada providing for (1) the establishment of the Niagara Frontier Port Authority substantially in accordance with the provisions of chapter 870 of the laws of 1955 of the State of New York as amended or supplemented; (2) the transfer of the operation, control, and maintenance of the present highway bridge (the Peace Bridge) over the Niagara River between the city of Buffalo, New York, and the city of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, to the Niagara Frontier Port Authority; (3) the transfer of all of the property, rights, powers, and duties of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority acquired by such authority under the compact consented to by the Congress in Public Resolution 22 of the Seventy-third Congress, approved May 3, 1934 (48 Stat. 662), to the Niagara Frontier Port Authority; and (4) the consolidation of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority with the Niagara Frontier Port Authority and the termination of the corporate existence of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority.

Niagara Frontier
Port Authority.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this joint resolution is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved July 27, 1956.